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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated April 26, 2007, claims 20-22 and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101; and claims 1, 4, 9-12, 14-17, 19, and 24-28 were rejected under § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 7,006,477 (Balachandran) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,842,462 (Ramjee).

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 2, 3, and 5-7, and the indication that claims 8 and 18 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 18 has been amended from dependent form to independent form to place it in condition for allowance, as indicated by the Office Action.

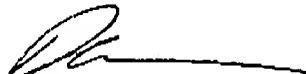
Claim 8 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 2, and claims 15, 17, and 28 have been amended to dependent from allowable claim 18.

Claims 1, 4, 9-12, 14, 20-22, and 24-27 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0102US).

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